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Application of: Beat MOLLET et al.

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For: NOVEL STRAINS OF THE BACILLUS  
SUBTILIS GROUP FOR FOOD  
FERMENTATION

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-4011

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on June 19, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and comments be entered into the file of this application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a copy of the deposit receipt, a letter regarding prior art, and additional copies of the formal drawings previously submitted but apparently not yet received by the Examiner.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** being on page 5 of this paper.

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